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Laying in wait

JWTC instructors lay in wait, preparing to capture students during the evasion portion of the Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape (SERE) course. See the story on Page 14.

G-8 to put spotlight on Okinawa

Gunnery Sgt. Terence R. Peck

Press Chief

World leaders and their entourages, more than 4,000 journalists, and an additional 20,000 Japanese Police are expected to descend upon the island of Okinawa for the July 21 – 23 G-8 summit.

The G-8 Summit, an international conference of the seven leading industrialized democratic nations and Russia, will place Okinawa in the world's spotlight. Because of the large number of media expected, military leaders anticipate a marked increase in attention paid towards the U.S. Armed Forces' presence here.

"What the Marines and Sailors need to understand is that we can't have an incident that will mar the G-8 or bring discredit to our nation, Marine Corps, or the other armed services," said Sgt. Maj. Harry E. Brown, III Marine Expeditionary Force sergeant major.

Although it may appear that special attention is being given just to the G-8, we expect our Marines and Sailors to be on their best behavior at all times, according to Brown. Leaders are merely reinforcing the standards of conduct they expect and enforce all the time, consistent with the III MEF Liberty Campaign Plan.

"We promote good behavior at all times," said Brown. "But during the G-8, we need to be especially well-behaved, because even the smallest of incidents

has the potential to be blown out of proportion and to reflect poorly on us."

In avoiding any incidents during the G-8, Brown believes if Marines and Sailors are educated and know the importance of the Summit, there will be less chance of an incident occurring.

"We want to use everything possible to inform the Marines, Sailors and family members about the importance of G-8 and what's going on," said Brown.

Along with the anticipation of worldwide media coverage, many rumors have circulated concerning liberty for Marines during the Summit.

"The commanding general has not yet made specific decisions on liberty policies during the G-8," said Brown. "Any adjustments in liberty policies will be announced when they have been developed. The intent with any adjustment will be to ensure we're cooperating with the Okinawa Prefectural Government and are contributing to the success of the Summit Okinawa is hosting."

The main focus for Marine leaders on Okinawa is educating everyone about the Summit and being good neighbors, according to Brown.

"The Marines need to understand that they are examples in appearance and behavior," said Brown. "They need, not through words, but through their actions, to show the world we mean it when we say we are good neighbors and ambassadors. We really need to show it because people are looking at us."

Misconduct affects family member, sponsor

Cpl. Matthew S. Bates

Combat Correspondent

CAMP FOSTER — Five family members are no longer on Okinawa. Two weeks after they were convicted of vandalizing more than \$15,000 in property with spray paint, the last of them was aboard an airplane destined for the United States.

With the swiftness this punishment was handed down, comes a strong message: Improper behavior by family members will not be tolerated and will be dealt with efficiently and effectively.

The message, put out by the Commanding General and the Base Inspector's Office, is focused towards eliminating juvenile misconduct aboard Marine Corps Bases Japan.

"Family members do not fall under the Uniform Code of Military Justice," said David E. Boughton, Deputy Inspector, Marine Corps Base. "So there is a base order that fills this position for them."

Called the Dependent Misconduct Order, or Base Order 5800.6A, it has been around in one form or another since 1990, and was even updated as recently as this year. The order provides the guidelines used to deal with all Status of Forces Agreement civilians and military family members who run into trouble.

For those who do find themselves in trouble, there is a chain of events that are spelled out in the order.

First, either the military police or criminal investigation division will be notified and a summary report, or blotter, is filled out.

Next, statements and evidence are collected and placed on an Incident Completion Report (ICR) and given to the Base Inspector's Office. The office will then call the

family members' sponsor and have him or her brought in for a meeting with one of the two hearing officers.

"When we hear a case, there are three main areas that we look at," stated Boughton. "How often this individual has been in our office, the severity of the offense, and what type of impact it may have with the Japanese authorities."

If an offender is found guilty, there are a number of punishments, called sanctions, which may be handed out. Ranging from verbal warnings to restriction to quarters to probation, each is handed out on a case by case basis.

"Every one is different and must be dealt with as such," said Boughton. "One

may warrant a slap on the wrist, while another may be sanctioned to the full extent."

This could mean suffering one of the three sanctions reserved for severe or repetitive offenders — these being debarment, early return, or tour curtailment.

Debarment means that the family member is not allowed onto any military installation on the island and can not use any military services except certain medical and dental facilities.

Early Return of Dependent (EDR) is just what it says. The family member is required to return to the U.S. before his or her sponsor's tour is over.

A tour curtailment not only effects the family member, but also the servicemember. This is when a servicemembers' tour is cut short and he or she is forced to return to the U.S. with his or her family. In some cases, a red flag may be placed in this member's record making reenlistment impossible.

From the first report to final judgment there is an approximate two-to-three-week turnaround. If a family member is to leave the island, then there is a 14-day window for the family to make any arrangements or appeals necessary.

"Of course these are all last resorts," explained Boughton. "But we have to look at what's best for the dependent, the family and the base."

He went on to add that this is in no way a common problem. Since February of 1998 until just recently, there were only four cases where a family member was sent off the island.

There are several programs on base for juvenile family members who have been sanctioned.

"Crossroads," a program offered by several chaplains, is a seven-week course designed to teach students how to make and assess goals in their life.

Also, a program called "Teen Focus" combines the efforts of the military police and the base inspector's office.

"We go into Kubasaki High School and the elementary schools and interact with the kids," said Boughton. "Tell them what we do and what they shouldn't do."

The most important thing a family member can do to keep out of trouble, according to Boughton, is listen to his or her parents.

"So often these kids just want to be a part of some group and sometimes it's just not the right one," he said.

For more information, consult base order 5800.6A or call the Base Inspector's Office at 645-1224/7611.

G-8 Summit, July 21-23: avoid off-base driving

Headquarters Group gets new commander

Cpl. Jeff Womack

Combat Correspondent

CAMP HANSEN — Colonel Michael C. O’Neal replaced Col. Richard Monreal as the new commanding officer of Headquarters Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force, in a change of command ceremony at Landing Zone Hansen June 9.

Monreal, an enlisted Marine who reached the rank of staff sergeant, moves on to his new position as the assistant chief of staff, G-3, Marine Corps Base.

During his command, Monreal transformed H&S Battalion, III MEF into III MHG, and initiated the building of new barracks for UDP units.

O’Neal came to the group from his former position as assistant chief of staff, G-3, Marine Corps Bases. He is a graduate of Kubasaki High School, graduating with the class of 1971.

O’Neal served as a member of the faculty of the Amphibious Warfare School in Quantico, Va., commanding officer of 1st Tank Battalion, 1st Marine Division in 29 Palms, Calif., and current operations planner and deputy J-5 in Mons, Belgium.

O’Neal was also the executive officer of 3rd Tank Battalion in Saudi Arabia during Desert Storm and Desert Shield, along with operations as part of Task Force Ripper.



CPL. JEFF WOMACK

Col. Richard Monreal (left), former commanding officer for Headquarters Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force, shakes the hand of Col. Michael C. O’Neal, the new commanding officer.

5th Force Recon redesignated

Cpl. Jeff Womack

Combat Correspondent

CAMP SCHWAB — The colors bearing the name 5th Force Reconnaissance Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, was retired during a redesignation ceremony at Recon Point here June 2.

The unit reverted its name to the historically rich name of 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion, 3rd Marine Division.

“You are the eyes and ears of the III Marine Expeditionary Force,” said Brig.

Gen. Gordon C. Nash, commanding general, 3rd Marine Division. “Don’t ever forget your heritage or what it took to get where you are right now.”

Third Recon Battalion was activated Sept. 16, 1942, at Camp Pendleton, Calif., as Company E Scouts, 3rd Tank Battalion, assigned to the 3rd Marine Division. The unit underwent several name changes and settled April 1, 1944, during World War II with the name Amphibious Reconnaissance Company, Headquarters Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force. During the Pacific campaign the unit experienced combat in Bouganville, Solomon Islands, Guam and Iwo Jima.

On April 15, 1958, the unit redesignated its name to 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, and participated in the Vietnam conflict at Da Nang, Hue City and Quang Tri.

March 1982, the battalion deployed to its present location and deactivated April 14, 1993.

The unit was then reactivated Feb. 1, 1994 as 3rd Force Reconnaissance Company, then later renamed as 5th Force Reconnaissance Company and was finally recognized as 5th Force Reconnaissance Battalion Dec. 21, 1998.

The battalion holds numerous awards ranging from the Presidential Unit Citation Streamer with one bronze star awarded for actions in World War II and Vietnam, the Navy Unit Commendation Streamer with two bronze stars for actions done at Vietnam and the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm.



CPL. JEFF WOMACK

A Marine carries on the colors for the newly activated 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion, 3rd Marine Division.

VMGR-152 bids farewell to old commander, welcomes new

Cpl. Chad C. Adams

Combat Correspondent

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION FUTENMA — Lieutenant Col. Leo A. Falcam II, assumed command of Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 152 in a ceremony at Hangar 525 here June 9.

Falcam replaces Lt. Col. John T. Collins, who will attend the Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Penn., beginning in July.

Collins assumed command in January 1999. While under his direction VMGR-152 won an award for surpassing 220,000 mishap free flight hours, a streak which continues today.

Collins, who reported to Officer Candidates School in February 1980, has

been married for 21 years and has three children.

Falcam’s special guest, his father, President of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Honorable Mr. Leo A. Falcam, the lieutenant colonel’s son, Leo A. “Dash” Falcam III, several members of immediate and extended family and select government officials attended the ceremony.

Falcam previously served as the operations exercise action officer for III MEF. From this position, he deployed to Operation Stabalise and served as air officer for U.S. Forces International Forces East Timor.

Falcam is a native of Pohnpei State in the Federated States of Micronesia. He earned his bachelor’s degree from Parks College of St. Louis University.



LANCE CPL. JASON D. INGERSOLL

Lt. Col. John T. Collins (left) receives the guidon to pass on to Lt. Col. Leo A. Falcam II (center), who assumed command of VMGR-152. The ceremony was held at Marine Corps Air Station Futenma.



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MWSG-17 gets new top enlisted

Sgt. Maj. Ronald D. Himsworth (second from left), outgoing sergeant major for Marine Wing Support Group 17, 1st Marine Air Wing, prepares to relinquish the sword of office to Col. Charles T. Hayes (right), commanding officer, MWSG-17, 1st MAW during a recent post and relief ceremony. Sgt. Maj. Paul L. Forney (second from right), incoming sergeant major for MWSG-17, 1st MAW, stands by to receive the sword of office from Hayes.

Child's death rediagnosed as virus

Kadena Public Affairs

U.S. NAVAL HOSPITAL, CAMP LESTER — The commander of the U.S. Naval Hospital at Camp Lester said yesterday that the illness suffered by the late Bliss Scott, a Kadena 7-year-old girl, was caused by a virus, not a snail parasite as previously thought.

"Our best information last week pointed to the parasite as the cause of the illness," said Capt Brian Brannman. "However, more detailed tests since then confirm that the parasite was not the actual cause of the illness."

Tests showed that Scott had been exposed to the parasite and medical officials said that people should still be cautious about contact with snails.

The virus carried by Scott is rarely fatal, and most people infected with it have no disease at all. It came from one of two virus families - echo viruses or coxsackie viruses. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, millions of people of all ages are infected with these viruses each year. Infected persons who become ill usually develop either mild upper respiratory symptoms

(a "cold"), a flu-like illness with fever and muscle aches or an illness with rash. Occasionally, the viruses do cause meningitis, which U.S. Naval Hospital personnel treat every year. A small percentage can also involve encephalitis.

About half of all children with coxsackie viruses have no symptoms. In the United States, infections caused by these viruses are most likely to occur during the summer and fall.

Like common colds, the viruses can be found in the respiratory secretions (e.g., saliva, sputum, or nasal mucus) of an infected person. Other persons may become infected by direct contact with those secretions from an infected person or by contact with contaminated surfaces or objects, such as a drinking glass or telephone. Parents, teachers, and child care center workers may also become infected by contamination of the hands with stool from an infected infant or toddler during diaper changes, since such viruses are also present in the stool.

There is no vaccine for these viruses. General cleanliness and frequent hand washing are probably effective in reducing the spread of these viruses.

Families can travel with pets on AMC flights

Pfc. Kathy J. Arndt

Combat Correspondent

KADENA AIR BASE — Passengers flying with pets on Air Mobility Command flights from May to September should not have any problems getting to the states; it's getting from the port of entry to their final destination that may give passengers a little trouble.

The AMC flights keep all pets in an air-conditioned area before boarding the plane. The pets are last to be loaded on the aircraft, according to Tech. Sgt. Matthew J. Balogh, passenger operations manager, 633rd Air Mobility Support Squadron.

AMC flights follow the Department of

Defense policy, allowing two pet spaces per family. DoD defines a pet as a cat or dog only. The maximum weight for each pet is 100 pounds, including carrier, which has to be approved by the International Air Transport Association. The animal must be able to stand up, turn around and lie down with normal posture and body movements inside the carrier.

Pet space is limited on AMC flights, and the passenger is required to pay \$85 for the space. Passengers must notify the Traffic Management Office at least 120 days prior to departure and have all paperwork on their pets, including immunization records.

When passengers reach the states, they may encounter problems with their con-

necting commercial flights. Each airline has different rules. American Airlines does not accept pets during May 15 to September 15 regardless of the temperature. Northwest and United will not accept pets when the outside temperature reaches 85 degrees or higher. Delta Airlines will not accept pets when the outside temperature reaches 85 degrees or higher, but may give Permanent Change of Station personnel a waiver.

Passengers are still required to notify TMO if flying on a commercial airline. Commercial airlines can be more expensive for pet spaces, but they allow more than two pets per family. They also allow more weight.

If pets do not make the flight, service

members are still required to make their report date. The DoD policy stresses that having pets is a privilege.

"People should be more flexible on travel plans in case of delays," said Balogh. "I know of people who have had to rent a car and drive to their destination."

AMC flights to the U.S. arrive in the mornings. Because of this, traveling with pets usually isn't a problem.

"We rarely, if ever, have a problem with this flight, because its arrival time is always around [7 a.m.], either in Seattle or Los Angeles," said Scott E. Egan, Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff, Logistics. "It is rare for either of these cities to be above 85 degrees that early in the morning."



PFC KATHY J. ARNDT

Marines continue education

22 students from the Marine Corps University College of Continuing Education graduated from their courses June 8. The courses include the Command and Staff courses at Marine Corps Base, the Amphibious Warfare School course and the Top Level Schools course.

Among other subjects, the school taught theories of war. Finding time was one the most difficult aspects of the course for the graduates. "The hardest thing was finding time to lead Marines and at the same time attend the course," said Gunnery Sgt. Scott T. Thomas, Amphibious Warfare School graduate.

Hard work went into their diplomas and the graduates will take what they learned and use it in their work place. "I think it's imperative that NCOs take courses like these to increase their knowledge in order to better properly advise their commanders and junior Marines, both in garrison and in combat," said Thomas.



PFC KATHY J. ARNDT



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One-stop tour and travel center

With the cutting of the cake, Col. Paul J. Pisano (left), Commanding Officer of the Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Base, and Edward S. Hutsell, MCCS Assistant Chief of Staff (right), began the open house at the new MCCS Tours+ Program and Omega Travel facility next to the commissary aboard Camp Foster. After the cake-cutting ceremony, Pisano cut the ribbon to open the new facility.

MCCS Tours+ started in 1996, teamed up with Omega Travel in February 1999 and started the International Tours Program in 1999. MCCS can serve as the premier one-stop tour and travel center on Okinawa. "If you want to do something, we can make it happen," said Hutsell.

Community Briefs

Father's Day Latin Rumba

The Hispanic American Association will host a Salsa, Merengue and Bachata contest at the Globe and Anchor on Camp Foster tomorrow.

The event is open to all ranks and will begin at 9 p.m. Tickets for the event are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. There will be cash prizes and trophies for the best dancers.

For more information, call Mr. Benito Veguilla at 643-7628.

Bowling tournament

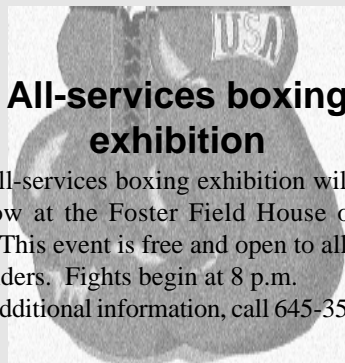
A nine pin adult, no tap bowling tournament is scheduled for tomorrow at the Butler Bowling Center. Sign up begins at 7 p.m. and bowling begins at 8 p.m.

For more information, call 645-7204.

Breast cancer survivors

The U.S. Naval Health Promotion Department is looking for breast cancer survivors to participate in a breast cancer awareness event in September.

For more information, call Marley Nelms at the Health Promotion Department at 645-2620/2578.



All-services boxing exhibition

An all-services boxing exhibition will be held tomorrow at the Foster Field House on Camp Foster. This event is free and open to all DoD ID card holders. Fights begin at 8 p.m.

For additional information, call 645-3521/2628.

Self-help hours change

Effective immediately, the Furnishings Management Warehouse Self-Help hours of operation for Saturdays will be 9:15-11:15 a.m. closed for lunch, then reopen at 12:30 p.m. and close at 2:15 p.m.

Customers arriving after the traffic cones are placed at the entrance at 11:15 a.m. and 2:15 p.m. will be turned away.

Central Texas College hiring instructors

The Central Texas College Distance Learning Center is currently hiring full and part-time instructors in the following areas: Government, Sociology, Art History, Anthropology, Biology, English, Mathematics and History.

For more information contact the CTC DL Center at 645-7160/2123.

Troy State Term VI registration

Troy State University is currently registering for Term VI through close of business today. Apply for temporary admission and start immediately.

For more information, call 634-3930.

DRMO sealed bid sale

The DRMO at Camp Kinser will hold a Local Sealed Bid Sale at Bldg. 600. Inspections for the next sale will take place June 19 to 21, with a bid opening date of June 22. Local Sealed Bid Sales are open to all SOFA and non-Sofa status personnel.

For more information, call 637-4323/3707.

Revised receipt requirements

Requirements have changed for personnel living off base, receiving government housing allowance and who turn in utility receipts. The Japanese government no longer accepts receipts without the record of how much of each utility was used.

Members who pay bills through any agency other than the utility supplier are now required to turn in copies of

Alcohol-related

NJPs

III MEF/MCBJ

The following are alcohol-related nonjudicial punishments for June 4 - June 10.

- Underage drinking

A lance corporal with 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines, 3rd Marine Division, was found guilty at a battalion-level NJP of underage drinking. Punishment: reduction to E-2, forfeiture of \$563 per month for two months and restriction for 60 days.

- Underage drinking

A private with Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron-152, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, was found guilty at a squadron-level NJP of underage drinking. Punishment: forfeiture of \$200 per month for two months, and restriction and extra duties for 30 days.

- Underage drinking

A lance corporal with VMGR-152, 1st MAW, was found guilty at a squadron-level NJP of underage drinking. Punishment: reduction to E-2, forfeiture of \$200 per month for two months, and restriction and extra duties for 15 days.

- Driving While Intoxicated

A petty officer 3rd class with the United States Naval Hospital was found guilty at a captain's mast of driving while intoxicated. Punishment: reduction to E-2, forfeiture of \$500 per month for two months, and restriction and extra duties for 30 days.

the utility invoice, including meter readings and how many liters of water were used.

For more information, call the off base utility office at 645-7432.

New TRICARE Overseas Family Member Dental Plan

Since Oct. 1, 1999, active duty family members have the opportunity to enroll in TRICARE Overseas Family Member Dental Plan. Enrollment allows family members to receive dental care for covered services from local civilian providers in "non-remote" countries.

For more information, call 643-7499.

Okinawa Ice Hockey Club

The Okinawa Ice Hockey Club is interested in skating every Thursday night from 10 p.m. to 11:45 p.m. at the Southern Hills sports complex in Haeburu. Participants must have their own gear and be 18-years-old.

For more information, contact Mike Desmone at 933-2560, 645-3524, or email tacks952@momo2000.com.

Christian women's luncheon

International Christian Women's Association will hold a luncheon June 23 at the Plaza Officer's Club at 10:45 a.m.

For more information, call Nikki Caines at 646-6596.

To submit a brief ...

The Okinawa Marine accepts briefs for non-profit organizations and groups only. Briefs are run on space-available and time-priority basis. Deadline for briefs is noon Friday. The Okinawa Marine reserves the right to edit to fit space. Submit briefs by faxing to 645-3803, or send an e-mail to angusrj@mcbbutler.usmc.mil.

Plan for pets like planning for family

It starts out innocent enough. That little ball of gray fluff with big, heart-melting brown eyes beckons you to examine the contents of the box. Next thing you know you're walking home with a cheesy grin and Scrappy, Scruff, Roscoe, whatever his name is, safely snuggled in your arms.

But, oh, my unsuspecting friend, the nightmare now begins.

Cute little Scruff loves to chew and thinks your couch leg is his own personal property so he happily marks what he hasn't gnawed up. Did I mention, he howls inconsolably when he's left in the laundry room to sleep. You probably didn't notice how huge his paws were and are shocked that he weighs in at 103 pounds by his eight-month birthday. He's probably the hairiest varmint you've ever seen.

So now you're stuck with this huge, hairy, ill-mannered beast that's wrecking havoc on your home and sanity. What do you do?

Frazzled and deranged, you convince yourself that if you drop him off in the park, some sucker is going to fall in love with this hairy howling behemoth, bring him home and they'll live happily ever after.

Or is it time to PCS and you just found out that you were supposed to take him to the vet for a health certificate and it's going to cost you nearly \$140 to ship him back on the freedom bird, assuming there's space available. So somehow Scruff just magically disappears and you tell the kiddies that the dog fairy whisked him away to Never, Never Land.

Like paper plates, plastic utensils and diapers, pets are just another disposable commodity, right?

Setting them free doesn't do any harm, right? Dogs (or cats) are truly wild animals at heart so letting Tiger or Scruff loose in the jungles of Okinawa is what's best after all.

Wrong. Dead wrong.

Last year more than 28,000 pets on Okinawa were handled by animal control facilities. More than 20 percent of those were dead on arrival. That probably means that Scruff or Tiger probably got nailed by a semi while making a dash for the jungles of Okinawa, or worse yet, starved in the jungle because those wild instincts didn't kick in and he couldn't survive on his own.

Less than 10 percent of the animals cared for by these facilities found homes.



SGT. JENNIFER A. WOLF

Homeless puppies like these are available for adoption at Kadena's Karing Kennels. Once an animal arrives at the kennel, it has approximately one week to be adopted before it is put to sleep.

That means the other 70 percent died long before Mother Nature had intended them to go.

Now let's change the scenario a bit. Johnny and Jane have been married for almost two years when they find themselves unexpectedly expecting. Little Johnny Jr. is born nine months later and his parents fall in love with those big blue eyes and little bald melon.

A few years later, little Johnny Jr. starts growing like a weed, does not want to learn to use the potty, chews on everything in sight, screams inconsolably when it's time to go nighty night and Mom and Dad are a lump of frazzled nerves. And guess what, it's time to PCS. Can't wait to take the little tyke on the 16-plus hour flight.

Hey, I have an idea. Why don't we just dump the little monster in the jungles of Okinawa with the rest of the wild animals. He's not domesticated, you know. And I'm sure if he does decide to set foot near civilization again, some sucker will fall in love with those big blue eyes.

Oh, wait ... that's called child abuse.

If this were happening to 20,000 or so children a year it would be labeled a travesty. In fact, I bet money, that if it was happening at all we'd be having safety stand downs to discuss how we, as a community, can solve this problem and a child abandonment nonjudicial punishment section would be added to this paper.

So what's the difference?

By having a child or purchasing/adopting a pet you are accepting responsibility for another life. And unlike the paper

you're reading or those diapers little Johnny Jr. wears, neither are disposable items.

Okinawa has a huge problem with stray pets, the statistics prove it.

Why is it okay to dump off a family member when it's time to move?

If you look at it, logically, pets are a lot less expensive to rear than children. A few years ago an article in Newsweek estimated that on average (and this was a low average) it costs more than \$100,000 to raise a child. Sheesh! That's a lot of moolah.

So how much does it take to take care of a dog, from cradle to grave?

Well, there's the adoption fee (I'm assuming you've decided to do the right thing). Then there is \$42 to \$60 to get the animal fixed, roughly \$24 for shots and \$17 for microchipping (there is a \$6 information update fee, which you might pay four times in the dog's lifetime). Okay, next there's dog food. Granted it may not be a pure bred, but a mid price range quality dog food about \$18 a month (I'm assuming a large dog here. Did I mention that's only \$216 per year, that's a lot less than what it costs to feed my spouse for a month). What else, updating the shots every year, \$24 and since the dog weighs about 110 pounds that will be \$140 to fly him back on the freedom bird and \$60 for the aircraft approved animal carrier. Other incidentals: collar \$4 (you might have to replace it six times in the dog's lifetime, leash \$10 (same replacement as collar), food

and water bowls \$15, dog house and bed, \$65, grooming brush and shampoo, \$10.

So that would make start up costs approximately \$300. That means if you saved a mere \$1 a day, for a year, you'd have more than enough money to take care of a pet. Small dogs and cats are a lot cheaper.

Now, a pet's average life span is around 12 years, so that's a grand total of \$3,600.

That's a whopping savings of nearly \$97,000 compared to raising a child.

That's pretty cheap if you ask me. So why are people dumping off their pets and how can this problem be solved?

One solution is to require all pets of SOFA status personnel to be microchipped and registered with the Kadena Vet/Karing Kennels. And just like with your vehicle, have a box for the Kadena Vet on their check out sheet. If they sell or give their pet to a new home, have them complete a transfer of pet ownership form and file it with the vet's office or kennel.

Another option is practicing responsible pet ownership. This starts from day one.

First take a look at your financial situation. Can you afford to spend \$300 to adopt, set up for, vaccinate, and spay/neuter a dog or cat in the next week or two? Do you have two hours of free time you can spend on the Saturday following the adoption for obedience training? Are you willing to make a 12 to 15 year commitment to raising a well-behaved dog or cat? Are you prepared to vacuum your home at least once a day to get pet hair off of everything it's stuck to? Are you ready to house break your pet, before he or she ruins your carpets (this can take a few days to almost a year, depending on the breed of pet you get)? Are you prepared to wrestle a wet, wiggly animal into a bathtub or under a garden hose once or twice a month to keep it clean and sanitary? Got \$70 to \$140 to fly Scruffy or Tiger back to the states when you PCS?

If you said no to any of the above, now is not the time to get a dog or cat. Start saving your money and studying on the type of animal you plan to purchase.

Owning and training a dog or cat takes time, patience and money. Make sure you are well informed and well prepared before you take the dive.

Please, for the sake of the animals, look before you leap.

Sgt. Jennifer A. Wolf,
MCB Public Affairs Office

STREET TALK

"What does the G-8 Summit mean to you?"



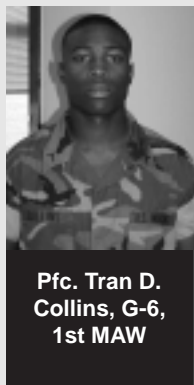
Pfc. Jacinto M. Hernandez,
MWHS-1, 1st
MAW

"I think it's a good idea to get all of the world big-wigs together on the island to discuss world topics."



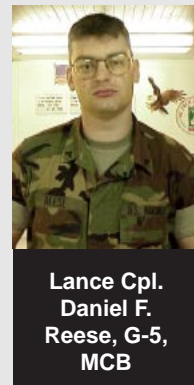
Sgt. Michael J. VanHorn,
MWSS-1, 1st
MAW

"It's a collaboration of the world leaders discussing world topics such as oil products and military installations."



Pfc. Tran D. Collins, G-6,
1st MAW

"I might get a chance to see the president."



Lance Cpl. Daniel F. Reese, G-5,
MCB

"A good opportunity to show off Okinawa. Instead of thinking of Tokyo, people will remember Okinawa."



CPL. MATTHEW S. BATES

An M198 155mm Howitzer puts a round down range during an artillery relocation exercise at the Yausubetsu Maneuver Area in Hokkaido, Japan.

Fire Direction Center keeps Battery on target

Cpl. Matthew S. Bates

Combat Correspondent

Y AUSBETSU MANEUVER AREA, Hokkaido, Japan — When dealing with artillery, there are two things that must be certain – where a round is going and where it went. Fortunately for the Marines of Bravo Battery, 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines, the answers to these questions are more than just a raised eyebrow or a shrugged shoulder.

The answers are pinpoint grids, and the Fire Direction Center does all the calculations.

It is the FDC’s responsibility to ensure that the grids are good and to keep track of where artillery rounds land.

“Basically, we tell the gun line where to fire,” said Cpl. Winston Montez, a computer controller.

This begins when the FDC is given a grid coordinate to fire at. They must plot this grid using both a

computer and a plotting board. “Both are used as a means of checking each other to make sure all the information is accurate,” said Lance Cpl. Julian Frank, plotter.

The FDC calculates the coordinates and elevation for the guns to fire and relays the information to the gun line. The gunners cannot fire until given the word by the FDC.

Once the word is given, and the rounds are launched down range, the FDC immediately monitors the radios for a report on where the rounds land. When this information is sent back, it is the FDC’s job to make sure that the rounds fell in the mandated impact area. This is the “safe” area.

If the round is “safe,” then the FDC checks to see how close the round impacted to the desired grid. After being given a corrections by the forward observer, the FDC will adjust their coordinates before giving the word to fire a second time.

Also, whenever a round is fired, the FDC has to mark what type it was, such as high explosive or smoke, the type of charge used and the type of fuse the round was set with. This information is tracked by the FDC so they know how many rounds each gun has left.

“This is a unique job because we never actually see the battlefield. You have to imagine it in your mind,” stated 1st Lt. Kenneth Goedecke, fire direction officer. “Whether we’re in Japan, Hawaii, or the Persian Gulf, it all looks the same to us.”

That look is nothing more than the back of a humvee attached to a medium, general-purpose tent. Inside the humvee is a computer, a printer and a radio. Inside the tent is the plotting table, a radio station, a map of the impact area and the round tracking chart.

The atmosphere in this small area is very stressful. “It’s been said that besides being an air traffic controller, this is the most stressful occupation in the Marine Corps,” said Frank.

Marines of Gun 2, Bravo Battery, 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines, load a Howitzer during an artillery relocation exercise at the Yausubetsu Maneuver Area in Hokkaido, Japan.



CPL. MATTHEW S. BATES

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CPL. MATTHEW S. BATES
M198 155mm Howitzer with Bravo Battery, fires off a round during training at the Yausubetsu Maneuver Area.



LANCE CPL. J. R. PRICE
(ve) Cpl. Chris J. Weeks, a gunner with Bravo Battery, 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines, moves the barrel of an M198 155mm Howitzer from left to



LANCE CPL. J. R. PRICE
Lance Cpl. Julian Frank plots a grid coordinate during a firing mission at the Fire Direction Center.



2NDLT. CARL B. REDDING, JR
A Japanese Air Self Defense Force UH-1H "Huey" helicopter departs an airfield for a local hospital with a patient during a mock medical evacuation training conducted by 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines at Yausubetsu.

3/12 teams up with Japanese military to perform medical evacuation exercise

Cpl. Matthew S. Bates

Combat Correspondent

YAUSUBETSU MANEUVER AREA, Hokkaido, Japan – Marines and Corpsmen with 3rd Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, worked beside the local Japanese military to perform a medical evacuation exercise May 31.

The exercise was designed to test the unit's response time and communication ability during a mass casualty event, while giving the corpsmen a chance to practice medical treatment required for serious injuries.

"We do not have the supplies or equipment in the Basic Aid Station (BAS) to handle severe trauma or injury," said Navy Lt. Jacky Cheng, surgeon, 12th Marine Regiment. "So, the Japanese have agreed to keep a helicopter and crew here with us in case of just such an emergency."

For this scenario, the "emergency" was an overturned 5-ton truck. Two Marines were injured - one with abdominal trauma, the other with a fractured leg.

Once the diagnosis was made at the BAS that they re-

quired further treatment at a hospital, the Marines were loaded into a field ambulance and driven to the landing zone to meet the helicopter.

The two casualties were then transported by stretchers to the helicopter, where they were strapped in under the attentive eyes of several corpsmen.

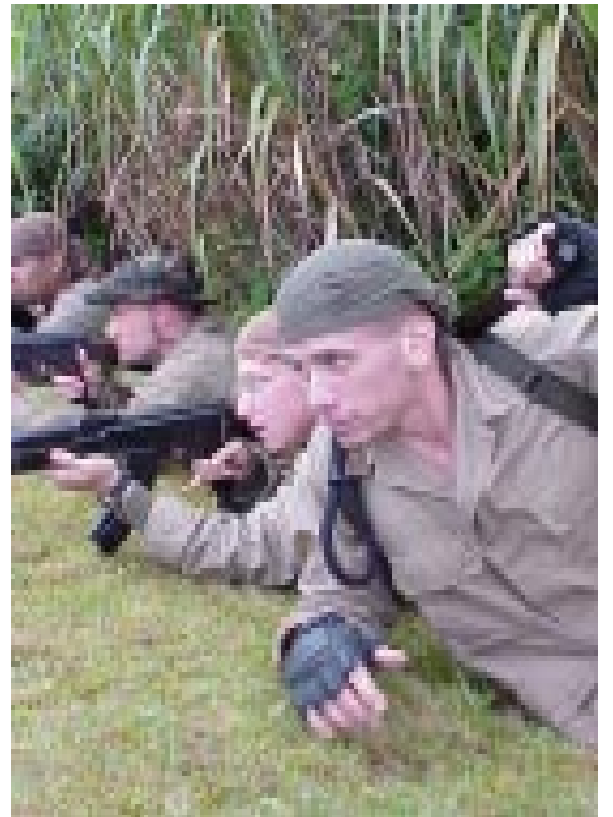
"In a real situation like this, the men would be flown to Kushiro General Hospital for treatment," stated Cheng. "This is the second largest [hospital] on Hokkaido Island."

The helicopter is capable of carrying up to six casualties. Still, according to Cheng, this is in extreme circumstances. "One or two casualties is really ideal for safe and effective transport," he said.

As corpsmen wait for a helicopter evacuation, they provide the medical treatment necessary to keep the injured Marines in good condition. "Better safe than sorry is what we tell our Marines," said Seaman Adam Ruffer, Bravo Battery corpsman. "There's nothing crazy about saying 'Hey doc, I've got this or that wrong with me'. In a field environment there's a lot more to be concerned about, too."



LANCE CPL. ZACHARY A. CRAWFORD



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(above and left) JWTC instructors lay in wait, preparing to capture students during the evasion portion of the Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape (SERE) course.

JWTC teaches Survival, Evasion, Resistance, Escape

Lance Cpl. Zachary A. Crawford

Combat Correspondent

CAMP GONSALVES — It was quiet out in the jungle. The sun had gone down and the cold night air, mixed with moisture, foretold of an uncomfortable evening soon to come. Light failed to shine through the dense canopy above the students as the rain continued falling.

Voices came over the radios to check in for the night. Some of the teams had already tried to quit, but the instructors would not let them. They still had two more grueling days out in the bush before graduation day.

Thirty-two Marines from various units on Okinawa took part in the sec-

ond B level Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape (SERE) course of 2000 at the Jungle Warfare Training Center recently.

"This is a course designed specifically for the basic infantry Marine," said Gunnery Sgt. Richard T. Smith, JWTC chief instructor and staff noncommissioned officer in charge of the SERE Course. "It covers the basics of SERE."

The week-long training package included several days of survival classes and practical applications. The second half of the course was designated for evasion and escape practical application in the thick jungle terrain of JWTC.

"The students were given a lot of survival classes as part of the course," said

Smith. "They learn how to prepare their own food, navigate and negotiate through the rough jungle terrain, evasion skills and how to make traps and snares for animals. The hardest part of the course is for the Marines to use their survival skills while trying to evade."

After learning how to prepare food and navigate, the students had to go through the evasion portion of the course. During this phase the students were tracked and sometimes captured by SERE/JWTC instructors posing as aggressors.

"After we capture a team, we bring them back to the starting point and tell them to start over," said Cpl. Brian Wallgren, SERE/JWTC instructor.

"They have only a map of the terrain in their possession."

In addition to evading the aggressors, the students had to withstand harsh weather while accomplishing their various missions.

"The weather has really affected morale during the course," said Smith. "It made it more difficult for the Marines to operate during the wet and cold."

The students eventually battled through the elements and terrain to graduate from the course and move on in their field of expertise.

They now have the training, skills and knowledge needed to survive in a hostile combat environment with little resources.

Warfighting lab displays new remotely-fired mortar system

Cpl. James Covington

MARINE CORPS BASE QUANTICO, Va. — The Marine Corps Warfighting Lab displayed its new, experimental mortar system, the Mobile Fire Support



CPL. JASON COVINGTON

The Marine Corps Warfighting Lab displays its new, experimental mortar system, the Mobile Fire Support System.

System, recently at a firing demonstration on Range 5 here.

The MFSS is a rifled 120mm mortar system. It is the first remotely fired mortar system.

"It can be fired from anywhere within [range of] communication" said Forrest Lindsey, the senior engineer at the Warfighting Lab. "We can actually put a satellite receiver on it and fire it by satellite."

The MFSS is equipped with its own Global Positioning System, field radio and fire control computer. The turret has power traverse, elevation and loading capabilities. When the system receives a fire mission over the radio, it can turn, load and fire, within 12 seconds.

"We've designed the very first robotic gun," Lindsey said. "It allows us to respond faster and much more accurately to fire missions."

The new system has a range of 8.2 kilometers and 13 kilometers when using Rocket Assisted Projectiles. During a test fire, the MFSS, firing from 6,000 meters away, placed nine rounds within a 2-meter circle.

"We have the capability to provide lethal and accurate fire support," said Maj. Lance McDaniel, the ground combat representative for the advanced technology division of the Warfighting Lab. "We're looking to achieve first-round fires for effect."

The MFSS system's mobility makes it a very agile weapon.

"We're looking for it to be a weapon that can be towed by a Highly Mobile Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle, car-

ried in a V-22 [Osprey], pushed out of a V-22 and set up 200 nautical miles inland," Lindsey said. "Once the LAV body kit catches up, we're looking at making it modular, so individuals can lift the cannon section off, put it on the LAV and move it as a self-propelled artillery piece."

The MFSS project started in 1996 when Col. Anthony Wood, then the director of the Warfighting Lab, wanted to develop a mortar that could be placed in an isolated location and fired remotely.

The mortar system is a result of the combined efforts of the Warfighting Lab; Picatinny Arsenal, N.J.; Rock Island Arsenal, Ill.; Allied Signal Corporation; L3 communications and Thomson Daimler Armaments of France.

The system is still experimental and is not scheduled to replace any existing system in the Marine Corps inventory.

"In the Warfighting Lab, we build and demonstrate experimental systems," Lindsey said. "It's up to the fleet and the Combat Development Command to decide what the Marine Corps will use."

If incorporated, the new system will make a significant difference to the gun crews that will fire the weapon on the battlefield.

"The gun crew can occupy and fire from trenches 50 to 100 meters away," said Lindsey. "If counter fire comes in, the gun crew is down in the trenches protected from enemy fire."

Camp Schwab Marines team up with Hokubu students to clean local beach

Lance Cpl. Zachary A. Crawford

Combat Correspondent

NAGO CITY, Okinawa — Marines from Camp Schwab and students from the Hokubu Agricultural and Forestry High School participated in a beach clean up project here recently. The G-8 Summit Council and the Nago City Citizen’s Council sponsored the community relations event.

The Marines and students spent a Sunday morning together collecting trash from the beach.

“People love to come out here to the beach, because it is a landmark for the people of the community,” said Toshio Inamine, Deputy Managing Director, G-8 Summit Council. “It’s nice to see the students and the Camp Schwab Marines get together and do something like this, not only for the upcoming summit, but for the enjoyment of everyone here on Okinawa.”

Inamine also spoke about how the relationship between the Okinawans and military members has changed, from how it was in the past.

“Years ago, U.S. Marines fought right here on this beach,” said Inamine. “Now [Marines and Okinawans] are together, hand-in-hand, with no guns, helping each other.”

Some of the Marines used this event as a time to interact with their neighbors and to lead by example.

“This is a really good chance for the Marines to interact more with the Okinawan community while getting out and doing something different,” said Sgt. Maj. Alexander Williams, sergeant major, Combat Assault Battalion. “It is also important, as well as fun, for them to come out and volunteer their time to help in every way they can.”

After all of the trash was separated and bagged, the Marines and students gathered at the school for some final words and refreshments. They then headed on their way.

“The mayor of Nago City personally requested the help of the Schwab Marines, and I truly appreciate all of the help the Marines provided us today,” said Inamine.



LANCE CPL. ZACHARY A. CRAWFORD

Marines spend a Sunday morning collecting trash and making the beach enjoyable again. Some of the Marines found this event as a rewarding time to interact with the Okinawans.



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(above) A Marine collects trash during the beach clean up sponsored by the G-8 Summit Council and the Nago City Citizen’s Council.

(left) Marines from Camp Schwab and students from the Hokubu Agricultural and Forestry High School participated in a beach cleanup project at Nago City.

Equal opportunity provided to civilians, servicemembers

Pfc. Kathy J. Arndt

Combat Correspondent

CAMPFOSTER — There’s no need to look far for advice on how to handle issues of discrimination because the Equal Employment Opportunity Office and the Equal Opportunity Advisor are here to help.

The EEO Program and the EOA can help with any form of unlawful discrimination. Unlawful discrimination involves making personal decisions or treating people differently based on race, sex, age, religion, color, national origin, physical or mental disability or reprisal.

Although both cover unlawful discrimination, there are some differences between EEO and EOA.

The EEO is a program for the civilian community that works alongside the Marines. Since civilian personnel aren’t under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, they fall under a different process than military members.

The process starts after an informal complaint is filed. Civilian personnel have 45 calendar days to file an informal complaint. After the complaint is filed, the EEO counselor tries resolving the situation within 30 days.

“A lot of times we (EEO) get calls from civilian employees with concerns, who do not necessarily want to file a claim,” said Jan Lovell, EEO specialist. “A lot of times they just want guidance or a listening ear.”

If the complaint isn’t resolved, the counselor conducts a final interview.

If the complainant isn’t satisfied, he has 15 days to file a formal complaint. After the formal complaint is filed, the EEO program manager acknowledges receipt and the counselor’s report is prepared. The complaint is either accepted or dismissed by the EEO Program manager.

If accepted, an investigation must be completed within 180 days and then a report of investigation is issued. The

complainant has 30 days to request a hearing with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, and the administrative judge assigned by EEOC makes a final decision.

There is a final agency decision if the formal complaint is dismissed. If the complainant is not satisfied by either the accepted or dismissed decision, they have the right to appeal. If the complainant still is not satisfied with the appeal, they have 30 days to request a reconsideration. If the complainant is still not satisfied with the reconsideration, they have 90 days to file a civil action.

The EOA program serves the military member. Its process uses the chain of command. If the servicemember feels uncomfortable going through the chain of command, members are allowed to contact the EOA; however, the member still must go through the chain of command, in addition to the EOA.

After going through the chain of command, the EOA will bring both parties

into the EOA office and talk about the situation.

“Most of the incidents are misunderstandings,” said Staff Sgt. Nicole L. Hill, Equal Opportunity Advisor, Marine Corps Bases Japan.

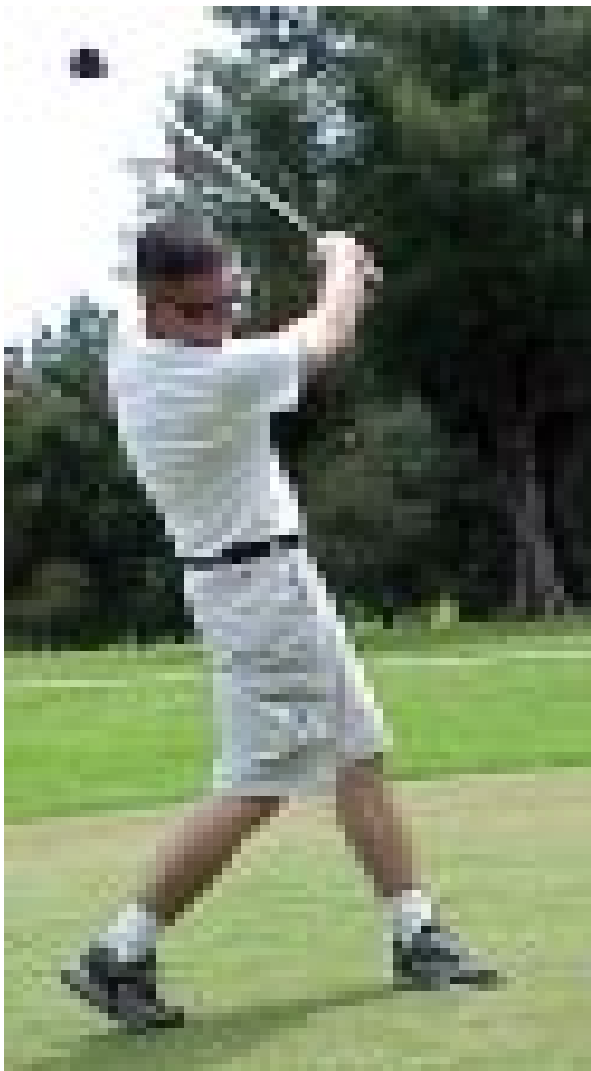
Talking it out keeps some situations from going to a higher level, according to Hill. If talks do not work and a formal complaint is filed, an investigation must be started within 72 hours. After a decision is made from the investigation, military members do not have the right to appeal. Military members are only allowed to request mast.

“They (Marines) have to remember they are still Marines,” said Hill.

The Marine Corps EOA program is a program that formulizes and integrates equal opportunity into every aspect of Marine Corps life, according to Hill.

This philosophy is based on fairness, justice and equity, said Hill. The EEO also follows the same philosophy, said Lovell.

Awase Meadows provides greener pastures



CPL. CHAD C. ADAMS

Although Awase Meadows isn't considered a long golf course, there are still plenty of holes worthy of pulling the driver out of the bag. Whether a golf fanatic or a weekend warrior, Awase meadows offers a challenging golf course at a reasonable price.

Cpl. Chad C. Adams

Combat Correspondent

AWASE MEADOWS GOLF COURSE — The smell of fresh cut grass awakens the senses. The sun glistens across the glass-like pond, while the palms blow in the first breezes of a new day. As the world begins to wake, the morning silence is broken by a graceful “swoosh” and the scream of a little dimpled ball.

“Fore,” echoes across the fairway.

As fanatics and weekend-warriors alike rise before dawn, slip on soft-spikes and make their daily or weekly pilgrimages to golf courses all over the world, they look for a fix that only comes with the ping of a titanium driver and the feel of a perfect swing.

For servicemembers who long to smash that 300-yard drive or sink a 20-foot birdie putt, Awase Meadows offers a challenging golf course, at an economical price, giving everyone, regardless of rank, an opportunity to “grip it and rip it.”

To support all personnel, including junior enlisted, greens fees are \$6 for sergeants and below and \$8 for staff sergeants and above. For about \$25, servicemembers can play a round, ride a cart and enjoy lunch in the club restaurant.

“We’re here for the recreational guy,” said Dick Medford, golf program manager, Awase Meadows Golf Course, “and the [corporals and lance corporals] stuck up there at Schwab.”

Affordable prices might be the initial attraction for some golfers, but what keeps the tee boxes filled each week is the challenge of the course. Possessing a strong long game is not necessary on many holes at Awase; however, the course still has more than enough hazards and unfriendly woodland lies for most hackers.

“Awase is not a long championship golf course, but it is a short, demanding golf course,” said Medford, who played professional golf for two years in the early ’60s. “You hit one bad shot and you’re in the woods making furniture.”

Ultimately, golf can become the most challenging of games, one that tests the will, composure and skill of a player on every shot.

“Golf is a very exposing game,” said Medford, who qualified for two U.S. Opens. “Just by the way people handle themselves, if you want to find out about a man’s character, take him out on a golf course. Golf is something you’ve got to want to do.”

“You have to respect the game,” continued Medford, who twice shot a round of 61, and once came in at 29 through nine holes. “When you play it as recreation, you take what you can. It’s not a game for everybody.”

This respect forms the backbone, the fundamental principles in which the game is built upon. These ideals perpetuate golf as a gentlemen’s game, one that defines the player on how he carries himself. On Awase, like any other golf course in the world, following golf etiquette is a must, and violations such as throwing clubs will not be tolerated.

“It’s very important that the image never changes,” said Medford, who has worked in America’s golfing Mecca, Augusta, Ga., home to The Masters tournament. “When somebody throws a golf club, it’s like spitting in church.”

And to a former golfing professional, maintaining golf’s illustrious history is very important, including here at Awase Meadows. One only has to listen to him talk about the game he loves to understand why.

“I don’t feel like I’m alive unless I’m at the golf course,” Medford said. “It’s always been someplace I feel like I belong. When I’m at the golf course, I feel like I can do anything in the world.”

The ball carried long and straight down the fairway, bouncing and rolling before the morning dew finally took the remaining momentum. The golfer’s second shot was only a wedge away, a beautiful way to start the round.

It was another day on the golf course.

To reserve a tee time call the Starter Shack at 645-2088, or for more information call 645-3110.

Young guns capture top honors at golf tournament

Cpl. Chad C. Adams

Combat Correspondent

AWASE MEADOWS GOLF COURSE — “It was a Cinderella story” as a team of young guns, three corporals and one sergeant, shot seven under par and outlasted the competition en route to a two-stroke victory in the Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-265 Dragon Divot Day Golf Tournament here June 5.

Christopher Brannan, Scott Sheppard, Tim Smith and Jason Coxwell posted several birdies and eagles in the one-round tournament, mostly cruising against competition in which the last place team posted a score of 44 over par. Most of the competitors didn’t actually give much competition, creating a Caddyshack-like atmosphere while balls sliced, hooked and dribbled their way across the fairways.

The squadron sponsored the tournament as a reward for the unit’s job performance.

“This tournament is in appreciation for the hard work and dedication the Marines of HMM-265 exhibit everyday,” said Maj. Tony Greco, who coordinated the event. “They are the very finest in the Corps today, and an event like this is the least we could do to pay them back in some small measure.”

While the tournament was a reward, it

opened the door for some light-hearted fun on behalf of the junior enlisted personnel, Marines who first talked the talk, then walked the walk.

“We talked too much smack, all four of us,” Sheppard said. “We took our turns going up to Maj. Greco. This whole thing was pretty much just bragging rights.”

The trash talking continued into the post-tournament awards lunch where the team with the worst score received free dinner coupons, “because they had no business being on a golf course,” according to a chorus of hecklers.

A giant golf towel, also known as the “world’s largest crying towel,” was presented to the Marine who shot the worst shot of the day — off the cement pole, back against the clubhouse and finally resulting in a lost ball.

Peter Buck took home a Ping putter for winning the closest to the pin competition, while Sheppard was awarded a Calloway driver for his 300-yard smash in the longest drive competition.

The champions, a.k.a. “the sandbaggers,” took home two free rounds of golf each for the victory. Several other players received prizes during a drawing which gave away balls, towels, Gecko Bucks and dinners. However, many of the golfers who won prizes in the drawing deferred their winnings to the champs in appreciation of their strong play.



CPL. CHAD C. ADAMS

Matt Stover pulls the pin while teammate Mike Hancock attempts a long put during the HMM-265 Dragon Divot Day Golf Tournament.



CPL. CHAD C. ADAMS

- Women's Middleweight class**
1. Jamie Pagsishan
2. Melissa Lathrop
- Women's Heavyweight class**
1. Sylvia Guise
2. Vickie Teachey
- Men's Bantam Weight Class**
1. Yoshinori Nakasoni
2. Tetsuya Higa
- Men's Lightweight class**
1. Leo Yosaki
2. Robert Rowe
- Men's Middle class**
1. Richard Robinson
2. Antonio Mathews
- Men's Light Heavyweight class**
1. Chris Plummer
2. Charles Jackson
- Men's Heavyweight class**
1. Thomas Champion
2. A. T. Cece

The individual weight-class winners flex for a pose-off to decide the overall winner.

MCCS brings out Okinawa's hard bodies



CPL. CHAD C. ADAMS

Jamie Pagsishan took the overall title in the 5th Far East Body Building Contest.

Cpl. Chad C. Adams

Combat Correspondent

CAMP FOSTER — Before a packed Butler Theater, contestants showed off their guns here Sunday, rocking to the music that poured over the barks and shouts of a standing-room-only crowd.

And just like Saturday Night Live's "Hans and Franz," these competitors came to, "pump you up".

Leo Yosaki and Jamie Pagsishan out-posed all the individual weight-class winners, taking home the overall title in the men's and women's divisions respectively of the Marine Corps Community Services Semper Fit 5th Far East Body Building Contest.

Although most spectators are more interested in the heavyweights, the two overall winners proved being the biggest doesn't always mean being the best.

Pagsishan earned her shot at the victory by winning the women's middleweight division ahead of second-place Melissa Lathrop and third-place Amy Roberto.

Yosaki stormed into the finals out of the men's lightweight class, a competitive division where second-place Robert Rowe and third-place George Franks, an impressive newcomer to bodybuilding, provided excellent competition.

However, the outstanding performances did not stop with the overall winners. One of the more impressive athletes of the night nailed down first-place in the men's heavyweight division. Like the nametape on his Marine Corps blouse, Thomas Champion, who has been competing in bodybuilding for only one year, was the best of the biggest, earning his second bodybuilding victory, including overall honors in Torii Stations's bodybuilding contest last year.

"The competition was keen, very stiff," said Champion. "It really brings out the competitive nature in an individual."

The individual athletes on stage proved to be examples of what anyone can do when they set their mind to it, reminding Marines and Sailors of the value of dedication, according to Champion.

"In order to be the best at what you want to do, you've got to sacrifice a lot of things," said Champion, who dropped 43 pounds since March to get down to a competition weight of 205 pounds.

To round out the event, professional bodybuilder King Kamali participated as guest poser, signed autographs and put on a virtual, futuristic stage performance, making the fifth annual competition successful and entertaining.

Okinawan teams take top spots at Pacificwide softball tournament

Lance Cpl. Kimberly S. Dowell

Combat Correspondent

CAMP FOSTER — The men's and women's Pacific Forces softball teams nabbed the top two slot's in the 10th Annual Yongsan Pacificwide Invitational Softball Tournament held in Korea over the Memorial Day weekend.

The Yongsan tournament is one of four major softball tournaments that make up the annual Pacific Interservice Grand Slam circuit competition.

The men's team has won 33 of the 45 events they have participated in since 1989. They have won the Yongsan tournament nine times in the 10 years since the team was first created. It's the third straight year that the finals came down to Pacific Forces versus Yongsan with Pacific Forces leaving in the number one slot.

The men entered the first championship game undefeated in the round robin portion of the tournament and with a 5-1 record in double elimination.

A big fourth inning for Yongsan contributed to their big victory in the first championship game. Eight runs

scored in the fourth created a 19-run total for Yongsan, and by the seventh the Pacific Forces only had five.

But in the second game of the championships, known as the "if" game, the Pacific Forces men dug into their bag of tricks and brought out "experience."

"Our experience as a team and the belief that we could come back and win carried us through," said Nathan Hales, pitcher and assistant coach for the Pacific Forces team. "We came back, refocused and put the runs on the board."

Errors by Yongsan in the bottom of the first worked with the big bats of Pacific Forces, leading to a 19-0 victory for the Okinawa men.

The men's team has experienced some name changes and shifting sponsorship since its original conception, but has been going strong as Pacific Forces, sponsored by Marine Corps Community Services for the last four years.

This year they believe the loss of their long-time assistant coach, Don Field, had an impact on their play. Field had to return to the States for a family emergency.

"We're all friends first," said Hales. "We share the

desire to be in the championship game in every tournament we play in. We give up family time to make sure we are there when they hand out the trophies. The team has become a family. We do a lot of things together. We even celebrate Christmas together."

The Pacific Forces women also fought it out with Yongsan, finishing second in the women's competition.

The first championship game went to the Pacific Forces women, 9-6. Big hits from the catcher, Kate Savoie, and shortstop, Missy Fischer, gave the team three of those runs.

The "if" game, however, went to the Yongsan women, 18-6. The loss of starting left-center fielder, Shannon Jefferson, to a sprained knee and weaker hitting factored into the defeat, according to team coach, Jay A. Savoie and some of his players.

"I'm glad Shannon wasn't hurt too bad," said Savoie. "We should have her back for the Firecracker."

Both the Pacific Forces men's and women's teams have returned to Okinawa to resume training for the next Grand Slam circuit event, the Firecracker Tournament held over the Fourth of July weekend on Camp Foster.

The Marketplace



Automobiles/ motorcycles

1987 Nissan Sunny — JCI May 01, \$1,000 OBO. 622-8410, or 642-2444.
1988 Toyota Carina — JCI Jan 01, \$700. Capt. Schendler, 646-8130.
1989 Toyota Carina ED — JCI Mar 02, \$2,000 OBO. 646-5630.
1984 Toyota Lite Ace — JCI Oct 01, \$1,000; **1988 Toyota Super Extra** — JCI May 02, \$2,000. 646-5206.
1989 Toyota Corolla II — JCI May 02, \$1,595. Maj. George, 633-5154.
1989 Nissan Bluebird — JCI Feb 02, \$1,200 OBO; **1991 Mazda Luce** — JCI Feb 02, \$800. 625-3629, or 625-2351.
1989 Toyota Corona GTR — JCI Feb 02, \$1,300 OBO. 633-8868.
1993 Kawasaki KX 125 — \$1,700 OBO. 623-5391.
1990 Nissan Cedric — JCI Sep 01, \$1,200 OBO. Mike, 646-6770.
1992 Toyota Lite Ace — JCI Oct 01; **1992 Suzuki Cappuccino** — JCI May 01. 930-0393.
1990 Toyota Corona Exiv — JCI Nov 01, \$2,200 OBO. 646-6979.
1990 Toyota Corona — JCI May 01. \$1,500 OBO. 646-4539, or 636-3701.
1986 Nissan Skyline — JCI Jun 01, \$1,100 OBO. Ron, 623-4669/4756.
1986 Toyota Carina — JCI Jul 01, \$700. Sgt. Vanwolput, 636-3457.
1990 Toyota Levin — JCI Jun 01, \$1,800 OBO. Josh, 622-6174.
1990 Mitsubishi Pajero — JCI Jan 02, \$3,700. 974-7112, or 622-7694.
1986 Nissan Pulsar — JCI Dec 01. Sgt. Alicea, 645-9145, or 646-5996.
1989 Toyota Carina — JCI Jan 01, \$600 OBO. Willis, 643-7585.
1987 Toyota HiAce Wagon — JCI Jun 02, \$1,950 OBO; **1988 Honda Civic** — JCI Jul 01, \$950 OBO. 622-8372.
1990 Nissan Skyline — JCI Apr 01, \$1,900. Rex, 622-6458/9267.
1992 Honda Ascot — JCI Apr 02, \$1,600 OBO. Ben, 646-3888.
1988 Toyota Vista — JCI Oct 01, \$1,250 OBO. 645-6858.
1985 Toyota Town Ace — JCI Jun 02, \$2,000 OBO. 633-7373.
1988 Master Ace — JCI Jun 02, \$1,800; **1988 Nissan Skyline** — JCI Nov 01, \$1,100. 637-3968 or 645-2988.



Miscellaneous

Misc. — Southwestern-style queen size futon couch w/ matching coffe table, \$400 OBO; Acoustimass-5 subwoofer and two satellite speakers, \$300 OBO. 646-6138.
Computer — Compaq Presario 400 MHz, 4.0GB, \$1,000 OBO. Cpl. Womack, 645-7423/7422.
Computer — AST w/ 15" monitor, Espon color printer, Mustek scanner, \$500. 622-8202.
Misc. — Star Rainbow color printer, \$45; desk, \$45; commercial clothing rack, \$30. Debbie, 645-5387.
Misc. — 1200 DPI flatbed scanner, \$80; 600 DPI laser printer, \$80; ATI 8MB 3D videocard. Joe, 646-8225.
Misc. — Sony digital AM/FM tuner, \$50; new King WB semi-waveless mattress w/ thermo; 1200 DPI scanner, \$80; 600 DPI laser printer, \$80; ATI 8MB 3D videocard, \$30; PB Pentium 75, 48MB, \$250. Joe, 646-8225.
Misc. — 3-month-old JKC Boxer w/ kennel, \$750. 646-4291.
Golf clubs — complete set incl. bag, \$375. Scott, 645-6921/3051.
Misc. — Pro Life treadmill, \$150; two Little Tyke bookshelves, \$15 each; 6.5' Christmas tree, \$50. 645-8112.
Scanner — new Total Scan Express, 36 bit, 9600 DPI, \$100. 622-5328, or WRIGHTDA@hotmail.com.
Computer — new Compaq Presario laptop, 500mhz, 64MB RAM, CD ROM, \$1,150. Carl, 645-7611.
Misc. — Girls mountain bike, \$35; cordless weed whacker, \$20; jogging stroller, \$70. 632-3346.
Misc. — Kenmore Dehumidifier, 50 pint, \$50. Rolando, 637-3284.
Misc. — Japanese telephone line, \$400. Dave, 090-2393-3719.
Windsurfer — new sail, \$325 OBO. Staff Sgt. Gilbert, 625-3603.
Misc. — Sofa set w/ decorative pillows. 930-0393.
Misc. — Queen size sleeper sofa and matching love seat, \$800. 646-4362.
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Fri Mission Impossible 2 (R); 7:00, 10:00
Sat Snow Day (PG13); 1:00
Sat Shanghai Noon (PG13); 4:00, 7:00
Sat Mission Impossible 2 (R); 10:00
Sun Snow Day (PG13); 1:00
Sun Shanghai Noon (PG13); 4:00, 7:00
Mon Shanghai Noon (PG13); 7:00
Tue Erin Brockovich (R); 7:00
Wed Erin Brockovich (R); 7:00
Thu Big Mamma's House (R); 7:00

Courtney (622-9616)

Fri Here on Earth (PG13); 7:00
Sat Erin Brockovich (R); 7:00
Sun Big Mamma's House (R); 7:00
Mon Closed
Tue Closed
Wed Romeo Must Die (R); 7:00
Thu Closed

Futenma (636-3890)

Fri Final Destination (R); 7:30
Sat Return to Me (PG); 7:30
Sun End of Affair (R); 7:30
Mon Shanghai Noon (PG13); 7:30
Tue Closed
Wed Mission Impossible 2 (R); 7:30
Thu Closed

Hansen (623-4564)

Fri Battlefield Earth (R)
Sat Battlefield Earth (R)
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Mon Reindeer Games (R)
Tue Erin Brockovich (R)
Wed Three Strikes (R)
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Keystone (634-1869)

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Sat Road Trip (R); 1:00
Sat Ninth Gate (R); 10:30
Sun Snow Day (PG13); 2:00
Sun Romeo Must Die (R); 5:30
Sun Ninth Gate (R); 8:30
Mon Big Mamma's House (R); 7:00
Tue Erin Brockovich (R); 7:00
Wed Erin Brockovich (R); 7:00
Thu Mission Impossible 2 (R); 7:00

Kinser

(637-2177)

Fri Big Mamma's House (R); 7:00
Sat Snow Day (PG13); 3:00
Sat Big Mamma's House (R); 7:00, 11:30
Sun Romeo Must Die (R); 7:00
Mon Closed
Tue Erin Brockovich (R); 7:00
Wed Snow Day (PG13); 7:00
Thu Erin Brockovich (R); 7:00

Schwab

(625-2333)

Fri Final Destination (R)
Fri Shanghai Noon (PG13)
Sat Final Destination (R)
Sat The Ninth Gate (R)
Sun The Ninth Gate (R)
Sun Scream 3 (R)
Mon Scream 3 (R)
Tue Big Mamma's House (R)
Wed Big Mamma's House (R)
Thu Here on Earth (R)

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